Modernisation of Sick Sugar Factories

1569. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering modernisation and rehabilitation of those sugar factories which are not economically viable during 1993-94; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) and (b) The central Government does not undertake modernisation and rehabilitation of the sugar factories. It however, provides financial assistance to sugar factories on soft terms from the Sugar Development Fund for undertaking modernisation and rehabilitation.

Negotiation with Thai Government for Import of Rice

@1570. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times dated 19th June, 1993 entitled "India in Thailand Rice Scandal";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have negotiated with the Thai Government to purchase 2,86,000 Metric Tons of rice in March this year; and

(d) if so, what are reasons for breaking the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As the news item reports on the internal affairs of Thailand, Government of India does not feel it appropriate to make any comment.

(c) and (d) Government had examined the possibilities of import of rice of cheaper varieties from Thailand and three other countries of Asia in the beginning of this year; but the matter was subsequently dropped as it was found that such imports would not be commercially viable without subsidy and the Government was also able to build up adequate stocks of both wheat and rice in the Central Pool during the current procurement season.

Installation of Sugar Factories In Andhra Pradesh

1571. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications from the Government of Andhra Pradesh pending for setting up of sugar factories;

(b) if so, since how long they are pending; and

(c) the stage at which the consideration stands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) and (b) 98 applications received through the Department of Industrial Development were pending for setting up of new sugar factories in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Majority of applications have benn received during the calendar years 1990 and 1991.

(c) The pending applications of the State of Andhra Pradesh will shortly be scrutinised by the Screening Committee in the Ministry of Food.

Wheat Damaged in the Godowns of Haryana

1572. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of wheat procured from the Mandis of Haryana by all the Agencies during this season;

(b) the quantity out of so procured which is still lying in various godowns in Haryana;

(c) whether the wheat lying in Haryana godowns has been damaged on account of floods; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) A quantity of 34.54 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured by all the public procuring agencies for the Central Pool in Haryana upto 30-7-93 in the current 1993-94 Rabi Marketing Season.

(b) 34.27 lakh tonnes of wheat stock was held in Haryana as on 30-6-1993.

(c) and (d) The details of quantity of wheat affected by floods and rains in Haryana are as under :—

@ Previously unstarred Question 549 transferred from 29-7-93.

(Figures in Metric tonnes)

Agency	Approximate Quantity of wheat affected by rains/ floods
Food Corporation of India	2090
Haryana Government and their agencies	21632
	23722

चीनी का उत्पादन

1573. **श्री मोहम्मद अफ़ज़ल उर्फ भीम अफ़ज़ल :** क्या **खाद्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इस वर्ष चीनी का उत्पादन विगत कुछ वर्षों की अपेक्षा कम हुआ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि चीनी के उत्पादन में कमी के बावजूद इसका निर्यात किया गया है; और

(ग) विदेशों को चीनी की कितनी मात्रा का तथा किस दर पर निर्यात किया गया है ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) 1-10-1992 को 49.68 लाख टन के पूर्वावशिष्ट स्टॉक तथा 1992-93 चीनी मौसम के दौरान चीनी के पूर्वानुमानित उत्पादन स्तर को ध्यान में रखते हुए चीनी की सकल उपलब्धता, आंतरिक खपत की आवश्यकता को पूरा करने तथा बहुमूल्य विदेशी मुद्रा कमाने हेतु चीनी का निर्यात करने के लिए, पर्याप्त मानी गई थी ।

(ग) यू० एस० ए० तथा ई० ई० सी० को तरजीही कोटे सहित चीनी का वाणिज्यिक निर्यात नामित निर्यात एजेंसी अर्थात् भारतीय चीनी तथा सामान्य उद्योग निर्यात आयात निगम लि० (आई०एस०जी०आई०ई०आई०सी०)द्वारा किया जाता है । निर्यात एजेंसी द्वारा दी गई सूचना के अनुसार विदेशों को चीनी के निर्यात से संबंधीत जानकारी विवरण में दी गई है ।

विवरण

1992-93 मौसम (1 अक्तूबर, 1992 से 17 जुलाई, 1993 तक) के दौरान विदेशों को निर्यात की गई चीनी की मात्रा तथा उसकी दर दर्शाने वाला विवरण ।

क्र० सं०	देश का नाम	निर्यात की गई मात्रा (मी० टन)	विदेशी मुद्रा करोड़ रुपये में	औसत दर रुपये प्रति मी० टन में
1.	श्रीलंका	140710.55	114.88	8164.28
2.	चैक/स्लोवाकिया	50600.00	40.48	8000.00
3.	जॉर्डन	27336.25	23.89	8739.31
4.	मिश्र	17000.00	13.80	8117.65
5.	किनिया	16000.00	12.86	8037.50
6.	दुबई शारजहा	12000.00	10.10	8416.67
7.	फ्रांस	10000.00	20.47	20470.00
8.	बंगलादेश	8050.00	6.70	8322.98
9.	अंगोला	7451.73	8.63	11581.20
10.	तंजानिया	6000.00	4.63	7716.67
11.	सोमालिया	4100.00	3.39	8268.29
12.	सी०आई०एस०	500.00	0.40	8000.00
	कुल :	299748.53	260.23	8683.00

Foodgrains Damaged in Transportation

1574. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of foodgrains has been damaged/is likely to be damaged in transportation because of inadequate storage facilities at the receiving terminals in various parts of the country;